



**INSURANCE FRAUD INVESTIGATION DIVISION**  
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*Fraud Statistics/Convictions Activity*  
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<b><u>Fraud Statistics</u></b>		<b><u>Month/July</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
Total Referrals Received.....		169	922
Closed Referrals.....		123	518
Open Cases (Investigations – includes prior years).....			373
Assigned Cases (Investigations).....		6	54
Closed Cases (Investigations).....		7	44
Closed Cases (Investigations) Exceptionally Cleared – Declined by Prosecutor.....			5
Charges (68 felony, 1 misdemeanor) .....		69	124
Convictions (3 felony, 4 misdemeanor) .....		7	24
Restitution Ordered.....	\$	35,405.64	259,361.59
Restitution Agreed.....	\$	.00	.00
Restitution Total.....	\$	35,405.64	259,361.59
Investigation Expenses to Division			
Awarded.....	\$	2,587.00	7,522.34
Collected.....	\$	858.75	6,540.22
DOI Fines.....	\$	.00	.00
Administrative Subpoenas Issued.....		2	17
Non-Licensed Individuals.....		2	17
Licensed (active/inactive individuals).....			
Subpoenas Received.....		6	26

## **Convictions Activity**

**Angel Bear** – Bear was an AFLAC agent suspected of theft of funds. Bear was charged with forgery second degree. She pleaded guilty to the amended charge of fraudulent insurance acts less than \$500 and was sentenced to two years of probation. Bear was ordered to pay restitution of \$343.14 to AFLAC and \$100 to the Department of Insurance for investigative expenses.

**Shawn Mahone** – Mahone filed a fraudulent claim of theft of his vehicle with his insurance company. Additionally, he submitted an altered title to his insurer, in relation to the claim, that did not reflect an existing lien on the vehicle involved. Mahone was sentenced to three years on one count of forgery second degree and one count of fraudulent insurance acts less than \$300, to run concurrently. His sentence was probated for five years, and he was ordered to pay restitution of \$18,002 to American General and \$2,200 to the Department of Insurance.

**Jeff Merimee** – Merimee prepared and presented false documentation on Department of Insurance letterhead in an attempt to deceive a third party into believing that they would be receiving \$54,030.88 in the form of a settlement. Merimee pleaded guilty to charges of attempted fraudulent insurance acts and criminal possession of a forged instrument third degree. He was fined \$200 for each charge.

**Julienne Diop** – Diop purchased a severely damaged total loss vehicle from a salvage dealer. The vehicle was placed on her policy without an inspection. Diop then filed a fraudulent hit and run claim on the vehicle. She pleaded guilty to one count of fraudulent insurance acts over \$300 and one count of falsely reporting an accident. She was ordered to pay restitution of \$16,660.50 to GEICO. She was granted five years pre-trial diversion. Should she fail to complete the diversion, she will be sentenced on the guilty pleas.